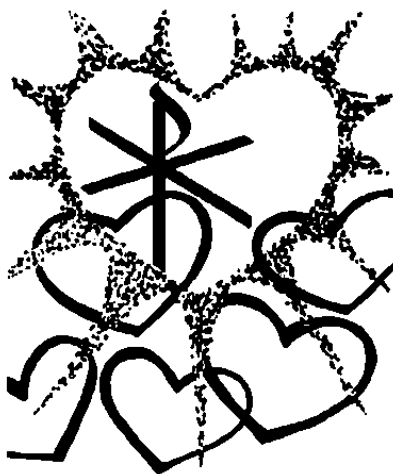




FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*

**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**Love One Another**

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***Welcome!*** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

***Holy Communion:*** We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE: WORD AND SACRAMENT

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**HYMN.....At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (CW #141)**

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)

- M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

- M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer— cy.

- M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise

### GLORY BE TO GOD (*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
 You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,  
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

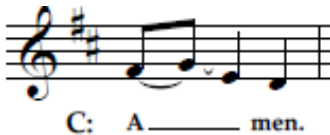


Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### FIRST LESSON.....1 Samuel 20:12-17

*Then Jonathan said to David: "By the LORD, the God of Israel, I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you know?"<sup>13</sup> But if my father is inclined to harm you, may the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away safely. May the LORD be with you as he has been with my father.<sup>14</sup> But show me unfailing kindness like that of the LORD as long as I live, so that I may not be killed,<sup>15</sup> and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family-- not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth."<sup>16</sup> So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD call David's enemies to account."<sup>17</sup> And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.*



PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 145



- M:** Great is the LORD and most wor'thy of praise; \*  
**C:** his greatness no one can 'fathom.
- M:** One generation will commend your works to a'nother; \*  
**C:** they will tell of your 'mighty acts.
- M:** The LORD upholds all 'those who fall \*  
**C:** and lifts up all who are 'bowed down.

**Refrain**

- M:** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the 'proper time. \*  
**C:** You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every 'living thing.
- M:** The LORD is near to all who 'call on him, \*  
**C:** to all who call on 'him in truth.
- M:** He fulfills the desire of those who 'fear him; \*  
**C:** he hears their cry and 'saves them.

**C:** Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son\*  
and to the Holy 'Spirit,  
as it was in the be'ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

**Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON.....1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.<sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.<sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.<sup>5</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.<sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.<sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.<sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part,<sup>10</sup> but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.<sup>12</sup> Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

### THE VERSE OF THE DAY

*The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.*



*Cantor: O let the house of Israel say: God's loving kindness forever will stay. As great is your mercy to us in our day, Alleluia! **Refrain.***

*Cantor: When I was falling you lifted me high. You will not suffer your servant to die. So like a trumpet your praises I cry, Alleluia! **Refrain.***

*STAND*

## GOSPEL.....John 13:31-35

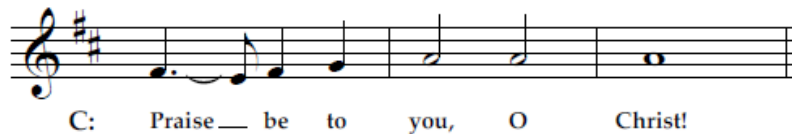
*When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him.*

*<sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.<sup>33</sup>*

*"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the*

*Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY.....Blest Be the Tie that Binds (CW #494)**

**SERMON.....John 10:22-30**

***"Love One Another"***

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED**

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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# THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

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## OFFERING

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

*STAND*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, You fulfilled Your promises by the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- M:** In Your compassion You sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life to rescue the lost.
- C:** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in Your glorious triumph.**
- M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see Him who lives to make intercession for the saints. Keep before us the vision of Your redeemed people standing before Your throne singing the song of victory:
- C:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**
- M:** Make us instruments of Your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that You have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C:** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for You.**
- M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of Your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers may follow*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

- M:** Gracious Father, You have restored to us the joy of Your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before You and say:
- C:** **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**
- M:** We join in the prayer your Son has taught us:
- C:** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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## THE SACRAMENT

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**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.



**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)

C: Ho ly, ho ly, — ho ly is the — Lord of hosts. The whole

earth is — full — of your — glo ry. You are my — God and

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

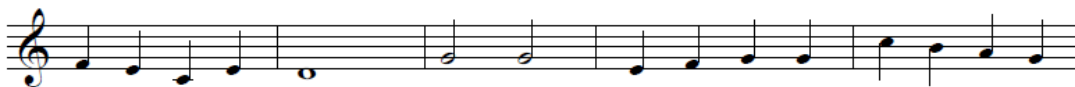
## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on\_\_



us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have



mer cy on\_\_ us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

## DISTRIBUTION

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## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



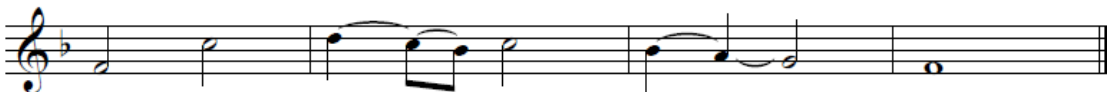
C: A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A men. A \_\_\_\_\_ men. A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

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**CLOSING HYMN.....Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire (CW # 498)**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 32; Communion: 23.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund - \$3604; Evangelism - \$25.

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Wednesday (4/27):	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Sunday (5/1):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY**



We will be having a congregational meeting following our worship on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. This important meeting will include an update on the sale of the Learning Center as well as a discussion of the future of ministry at Cross of Glory.

## **One Day VBS & Family Picnic**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**2p - 5p: VBS    5p: Family Picnic**

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